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SUBJ: SIHANOUK ON HIS EXILE

REF: A) BANGKOK 26068 (NOTAL) B) PARIS 32900 (NOTAL)

1. FRG POLITICAL COUNSELOR BLAU INFORMED US RECENTLY THAT JUST PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FROM PEKING LAST SEPTEMBER, SIHANOUK TOLD FRG AMBASSADOR IN PEKING THAT HE DID NOT EXPECT TO REMAIN PERMANENTLY IN PHNOM PENH. MOREOVER, SIHANOUK SAID THAT SHOULD HE DECIDE TO RETIRE HE WOULD NOT WANT TO LIVE IN PARIS BECAUSE CAMBODIAN EXILES WOULD LIONIZE HIM AND TRY TO GET HIM TO HEAD A GOVERNMENT IN EXILE. SIHANOUK ASKED THE GERMAN AMBASSADOR, FRIENDS DURING LATTER'S EARLIER ASSIGNMENT TO PHNOM PENH WHEN SIHANOUK WAS IN POWER, WHETHER THERE WERE NOT SOME NICE, REMOTE SPOT IN GERMANY WHERE HE COULD RETIRE.

2. COMMENT: WHILE GERMANY SEEMS TO US AN UNLIKELY RETREAT FOR SIHANOUK, HIS REPORTED COMMENTS TEND TO CORROBORATE CONCLUSION DRAWN BY EMBASSY PARIS - THAT
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SIHANOUK WOULD ESCHEW A ROLE AS HEAD OF YET ANOTHER

EXILED CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT.
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